

What is claimed is:

1. A wheelchair comprising:

a main body including a main frame, a seat upholstery, a back upholstery, and two rear wheels, the main frame including two side frames
5 to which the rear wheels are respectively, rotatably mounted;

a connecting frame securely connected to the side frames of the main frame and including a front end and a rear end; and

a steering/driving device including a handlebar, a connecting member, a wheel frame connected to the handlebar, a front wheel rotatably
10 mounted to the wheel frame, and a transmission mechanism, the connecting member including a first end securely connected to the front end of the connecting frame and a second end pivotally connected to the handlebar, the front wheel having a shaft;

the transmission mechanism including a transmission block and a
15 transmission gear device, the transmission block being securely connected to the handlebar, the transmission gear device being coupled with the shaft of the front wheel;

wherein the wheelchair is moved forward when a user in the wheelchair manipulates the handlebar back and forth while providing a
20 steering function of the wheelchair.

2. The wheelchair as claimed in claim 1, wherein the connecting frame includes a plurality of transverse beams and a plurality of longitudinal beams, each said transverse beam is telescopic to allow adjustment of an overall length thereof in response to a distance between the side frames of the main frame.

25 3. The wheelchair as claimed in claim 2, wherein the transverse beams and the longitudinal beams are mounted below a central portion of the main frame.

4. The wheelchair as claimed in claim 3, wherein the longitudinal beams have a common engaging portion on front ends thereof for engaging with the connecting member of the steering/driving device.
5. The wheelchair as claimed in claim 1, further including an umbrella holder
5 mounted on the rear end of the connecting frame.
6. The wheelchair as claimed in claim 1, wherein the transmission block is pivotally connected to the wheel frame and includes a toothed portion on an outer edge thereof, the transmission gear device including an inner gear and an outer gear mounted around the inner gear, the outer gear including a
10 plurality of outer teeth on an outer periphery thereof for meshing with the toothed portion of the transmission block, the outer gear further including a plurality of inner teeth on an inner periphery thereof, the inner gear including a plurality of teeth on an outer periphery thereof for meshing with the inner
15 teeth of the outer gear, the outer gear further including an inclined face and a coupling portion on the inner periphery thereof, the inner gear being coupled with the shaft of the wheel to turn therewith, a resilient ring and a movable tooth block being mounted on the outer periphery of the inner gear, the movable tooth block having an end meshed with the coupling portion of the
20 outer gear;
- wherein when the inner teeth of the outer gear move toward the movable tooth block of the inner gear, the inner gear is turned, thereby driving the front wheel forward; and
- wherein when the inclined face of the outer gear moves toward the movable tooth block of the inner gear, the inner gear is not turned.
- 25 7. The wheelchair as claimed in claim 1, further including an arm mounted on top of each said side frame, each said arm including a first end coupled to an

associated one of the side frames by a universal joint, each said arm including a second end for threadedly engaging with a stud on an associated one of the side frames.